GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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COTTAGE INDUSTRIES IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): whether the cottage industries in Tamil Nadu are facing acute financial crisis;

(b): if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c): whether the Tamil Nadu Government has requested for allocation of more funds for development of cottage industry in the State; and

(d): if so, the details of the amount sanctioned/released by the Union Government to the State for the same during each of the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a)&(b) : The village/cottage industry sector in Tamil Nadu has shown a growing trend over the last three years, as detailed below:-

Year	Production Cost (Rs. lakh)	Sales (Rs. lakh)
2001-02	59961.89	70598.86
2002-03	65773.80	81331.93
2003-04	71366.44	88365.06

The Government of Tamil Nadu has not reported any financial crisis in the cottage industries in that State.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d): The Government of Tamil Nadu has reported that adequate Central funds have been provided through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for margin money assistance for implementation of the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) in Tamil Nadu. REGP assists entrepreneurs in the rural areas for generation of self-employment opportunities in the village industries sector, which includes cottage industries. Similarly, under the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY), adequate funds have been released to the State of Tamil Nadu.